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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Please don't let huge companies rule the broadband market and drive out small business. Monopolies are known to stagnate innovation, and also can have out of control pricing because of lack of good honest competition.

Rural areas also sometimes are completely dependent on small local providers. We need our local providers! I currently have a small local provider (Sonic) that provides excellent service to me via DSL (my preference as it includes landlines, the only thing that works when the power is down). But they are also being very innovative with installing fiber options for customers that want speed. They also have dedicated wonderful technical support staffed with local employees. We need this! And other local providers. For a vibrant economy that includes all levels of companies and innovation.

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